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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BRUCE J. NOSKY, ET AL.

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For: **METHOD FOR ENHANCING PRODUCTION
PERFORMANCE IN AN ANIMAL**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed April 14, 2004, and the Advisory Action mailed July 30, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following remarks.

This submission is accompanied by a two month extension of time, a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$595. No additional fees are believed due, however the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 11-0855.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begins on page 12 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on September 14, 2004.


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